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Prices were unchanged in New York. Elsewhere, weekly prices were lower on all sizes. Trade sentiment was mostly steady, however some caution was noted. Demand improved and ranged light to at times good, best where features were in progress or planned. Supplies were adequate to available. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to ample for the light demand. Light type fow were about adequate to sufficient for generally normal processing schedules.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest warehouse delivered prices were lower for all sizes. Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was light to fairly good, usually moderate and reported as better than last Monday. Loose egg sales were usually fair to at times good. Supplies were adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate for the light demand. Floor stocks reported as ample. Schedules full-time or better. Trade sentiment barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	55-64	59-61
LARGE	55-63	57-60
MEDIUM	50-56	53-55

IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.		
RANGE	MOSTLY	
LARGE	38-45	40
MEDIUM	33-37	35
SMALL	19-21	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were lower when compared to last week's prices. Trade sentiment was generally steady with some caution noted. Demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to ample for the fair demand. Spent hens were about adequate to adequate for mostly normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	63-77	63-66
LARGE	57-71	62-66
MEDIUM	51-64	56-58

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were sharply lower. Trade sentiment mostly steady. Retail demand was light to fairly good, mostly moderate. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate for the light demand. Floor stocks were reported as ample. Schedules full-time or better. Trade sentiment barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	64.5-73	66-69
LARGE	60.5-69	62-65
MEDIUM	54.5-63	56-59

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were lower on all sizes when compared to previous week's pricing. Trade sentiment was mostly steady beginning the week. Demand was light to moderate, slightly better where features were a factor. Supplies ranged sufficient to available for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to ample for the light demand. Light type hens were about sufficient to adequate for the moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	61.5-79.25	63-66
LARGE	60-75.25	61-64
MEDIUM	53.5-67	54-58

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices began the week unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient for current trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	71-75
LARGE	69-73
MEDIUM	63-67

CHICAGO & MIDWEST EGGS Prices were sharply lower. The market tone was mostly steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, instances good. Supplies adequate to available.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	61-69	63-65
LARGE	60-68	61-64
MEDIUM	55-64	58-60

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices 9 cents lower on all sizes throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 4% lower than last Monday with California up 2% and Oregon- Washington-Utah down 14%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices 9 cents lower on all sizes. The California inventory was 2% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 70. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 2 for \$3, 18 pack 2 for \$4, buy 1 get 1 free.

CALIFORNIA: California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	112
EXTRA LARGE	103
LARGE	95
MEDIUM	90

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	279-349	JUMBO	279-409
EXTRA LARGE	259-309	EXTRA LARGE	269-379
LARGE	239-249	LARGE	239-375
MEDIUM	199-219	MEDIUM	199-299

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 14, 2004 will decrease by 2 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 07, 2004 were 222,447 cases which was 17 percent above the prior week and 5 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	190,335	32,112	222,447

% change from the

prior week.....	+22	-7	+17
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Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis.

Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Breaking stock prices were lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate for the light demand. Many breakers had increased current schedules as floor stocks were reported as ample. Schedules full-time or better. Trade sentiment barely steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	45-47	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	32-38	32-34
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the generally adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal. Supplies of finished product were well cleared. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*

Final Price, generally for slaughter the week of 10-MAY-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING 6.25-10.25 CENTS/LB.	9-9.25		9.19
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*

Final Price, generally for slaughter the week of 10-MAY-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING 6-12.25 CENTS/LB.	9-9.75		9.49

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-MAY 10, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		Northeast	No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.4	14.5	5.1	10.5	10.9	49.4
	Change	0.0	-0.1	0.2	0.3	-0.6	0%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	21.8	45.2	12.8	25.2	32.5	137.5
	Change	2.9	-1.9	-4.3	0.8	-4.9	-5%
Large	Curr Wk	40.3	114.2	66.1	98.9	110.1	429.6
	Change	0.3	-3.6	-17.8	-20.1	-2.6	-9%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.9	33.2	14.0	26.3	31.3	116.7
	Change	-0.6	-4.9	1.0	6.4	3.4	5%
Small	Curr Wk	5.2	9.3	2.0	5.7	8.5	30.7
	Change	1.5	0.2	0.4	-0.2	1.5	12%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.8	20.9	10.5	15.7	4.3	57.2
	Change	0.2	-2.4	-0.2	-1.3	-0.1	-6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	10.7	58.8	26.5	34.1	19.8	149.9
	Change	-7.2	-3.3	0.3	1.1	-4.9	-9%
Total	Curr Wk	104.1	296.1	137.0	216.4	217.4	971.0
Percent	Change	-3%	-5%	-13%	-6%	-4%	-6%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	971.0	-6%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	280.0	-6%	35
Total Shell Egg	1251.0	-6%	205

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (DOLLARS PER DOZEN) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 26, 2004

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.97	1.94	1.85	1.16

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES (DOLLARS PER DOZEN) FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING APRIL 26, 2004 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.54	1.54	1.44	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 7, 2004

CURRENT LOADS								18.00	FUTURE LOADS								12.75	TOTAL LOADS								30.75
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST											
GNR W 1	42.00	—	43.00	44.00	—	—	2.00		GL W XL	50.17	52.00	—	—	—	—	58.71	4.50									
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	49.00	52.00	1.00		GL W LG	51.50	—	—	55.00	—	—	58.11	7.50									
GL W XL	—	—	54.00	56.00	47.33	—	6.00		NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.00									
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	46.36	—	7.50																			
GL W MD	—	—	47.25	49.00	—	—	2.00																			
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.00																			
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	42.00	—	—	2.25																			

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/03/04-05/07/04

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
65.00								64.75								129.75							
SE			NE		MW			LOADS	SC			NW		MW									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS								
GNR W 1	45.75	—	46.75	47.88	—	—	16.00	GNR BR 1	58.50	—	—	—	—	—	1.00								
GNR W 2	—	—	45.00	46.00	—	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50								
GNR BR 1	—	65.00	—	—	49.00	52.00	2.00	GL W XL	51.18	51.57	—	—	—	59.92	9.25								
GL W J	—	—	63.33	64.33	—	—	3.00	GL W LG	50.12	50.00	—	55.00	—	58.34	16.00								
GL W XL	—	53.00	58.33	57.86	51.57	54.00	33.25	GL W MD	50.00	—	—	—	—	56.25	1.25								
GL W LG	—	—	60.50	62.50	47.02	55.00	22.50	GL W SM	—	43.00	—	—	—	40.75	2.00								
GL W MD	50.00	—	50.25	52.40	52.00	—	10.50	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	.75								
GL W SM	38.00	40.00	34.80	36.60	33.00	—	5.50	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	10.00								
NRBS - 48	—	47.00	43.00	44.25	51.19	44.06	45.00																
NRBS - 45	—	40.50	—	42.00	38.00	—	7.25																
NRBS - 42	—	39.50	—	—	37.00	—	4.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	34.00	36.00	—	—	1.00																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	05/03/04	04/26/04	05/05/03
PACIFIC COAST	468	350	175
LOS ANGELES	411	290	114

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is lower on all sizes. The supply is adequate. Retail demand is moderate.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	81.63
LARGE	77.91
MEDIUM	71.63
SMALL	59.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 250	225 – 240
1/2 doz.	123 – 151	125 – 134
Large doz.	200 – 250	217 – 227
1/2 doz.	120 – 142	128 – 133

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OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 05/04/2004

Report Period: 04/18/2004 - 04/24/2004

	# Cases	# Cases	# Cases	Total State
	Shipped to	Shipped to	shipped to	
State	Northern CA	Central CA	Southern CA	
Arizona	0	0	2,871	2,871
Colorado	0	0	6,799	6,799
Florida	0	0	950	950
Indiana	0	0	1,462	1,462
Iowa	7,955	7,710	47,633	63,298
Michigan	0	0	5,927	5,927
Minnesota	4,185	1,560	17,623	23,368
Missouri	0	0	4,070	4,070
Montana	0	0	684	684
Nevada	0	0	813	813
North Carolina	0	710	6,564	7,274
Ohio	0	0	3,626	3,626
Oregon	2,414	435	1,740	4,589
South Dakota	780	0	5,104	5,884
Texas	0	0	8,854	8,854
Utah	0	760	7,935	8,695
TOTAL	15,334	11,175	122,655	149,164
SHIPPED TO				
MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO				
NONMILITARY	15,334	11,175	122,655	149,164